ICD-10 Codes for the Cataract Family

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How many different types of cataracts are there? According to ICD-10-CM, there are close to 70—ranging from age-related to zonular cataracts.

**Reporting laterality.** For some codes, you include a number to indicate laterality: 1 for the right eye, 2 for the left eye, and 3 for both eyes. For most codes that require laterality, you report this number as the sixth character (e.g., H21.22- Degeneration of ciliary body), but there are some codes where it appears as the fifth character (e.g., H26.3- Drug-induced cataract). And for other codes, you don’t report laterality at all.

Where to Find Cataract Codes
In ICD-10’s Tabular List, check the following chapters for cataract codes.

- **Chapter 7 Eye and ocular adnexa.** See the Disorders of lens section (H25-H28) for the most-used diagnoses. For an ICD-9/ICD-10 conversion table of the five most common ICD-9 cataract codes, see the Web Extra that accompanies this article at [www.eyenet.org](http://www.eyenet.org). For a primer, see last month’s Practice Perfect at [www.eyenet.org/archive](http://www.eyenet.org/archive).

- **Chapter 4 Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases.** Examples include E10.36 Type 1 diabetes with diabetic cataract, E11.36 Type 2 diabetes with diabetic cataract, E20.9 Hypoparathyroidism, unspecified, E46 Unspecified protein-calorie malnutrition, E34.9 Endocrine disease, unspecified, E74.21 Galactosemia, and E88.9 Metabolic disorder, unspecified.

- **Chapter 17 Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities.** Example: Q12.0-represents anterior and posterior axial embryonal, pyramidal, blue, central, cerulean, congenital, coralliform, coronary, and crystalline cataracts.

- **Chapter 6 Diseases of the nervous system.** Example: G71.19 Other specified myotonic disorders.

Complex Cataract Surgery—66982
When you submit CPT code 66982, local coverage determinations (LCDs) require more than the traditional cataract diagnosis codes. To indicate why the surgery qualifies as complex, you also must report one of the following codes:

- H21.221 Degeneration of ciliary body, right eye
- H21.222 Degeneration of ciliary body, left eye
- H21.261 Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), right eye
- H21.262 Iris atrophy (essential) (progressive), left eye
- H21.271 Miotic pupillary cyst, right eye
- H21.272 Miotic pupillary cyst, left eye
- H21.29 Other iris atrophy
- H21.531 Iridodialysis, right eye
- H21.532 Iridodialysis, left eye
- H21.561 Pupillary abnormality, right eye
- H21.562 Pupillary abnormality, left eye
- H21.81 Floppy iris syndrome
- H21.89 Other specified disorders of iris and ciliary body
- H21.9 Unspecified disorder of iris and ciliary body
- H22 Disorders of iris and ciliary body in diseases classified elsewhere
- H57.00 Unspecified anomaly of pupillary function
- H57.01 Argyll Robertson pupil, atypical
- H57.02 Anisocoria
- H57.03 Miosis
- H57.04 Mydriasis
- H57.051 Tonic pupil, right eye
- H57.052 Tonic pupil, left eye
- H57.09 Other anomalies of pupillary function
- H57.9 Unspecified disorder of eye and adnexa
- Q13.1 Absence of iris
- Q13.9 Congenital malformation of anterior segment of eye, unspecified

YAG Capsulotomy—66821
When submitting CPT code 66821, you can use these codes to indicate medical necessity:

- H26.491 Other secondary cataract, right eye
- H26.492 Other secondary cataract, left eye
- H26.493 Other secondary cataract, bilateral